

NO GERMAN SCHEME TO CONTROL PAPERS, SAYS ALLEGED HEAD

"Utter Rot," Is Way Clausen
Characterizes Story Involving Him.

SAYS PLAN IS RIDICULOUS

Charge That Germans Are
Financing Munitions Plant in
United States Denied.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—M. C. Clausen, former publicity agent for the Hamburg-American steamship line and publisher of a "German Information Service" bulletin, which is sent gratis to newspapers all over the United States, today denied the charge contained in a copyrighted article in the New York World that he, acting for the German government, planned a gigantic scheme for controlling secretly the news columns of many papers throughout the United States.

"Utter rot," said Clausen when told that the World declared he wrote Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, Germany's financial agent in this country, that he had obtained an option on an old established feature press association for thirty cents, with the inference that his purpose was to obtain control of the press service for spreading German propaganda.

"I know nothing of such a letter," Clausen said emphatically.

Clausen said the charge that the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, Dr. Albert, Capt. Franz von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy, and other representatives of the German government were directly interested in such a scheme seemed ridiculous to him.

All News to Him.

Almost every feature of the World story, Clausen said, was "news" to him. He knew nothing, he said, of the charge that German financiers already were engaged in building a war munitions plant which would accept orders for shrapnel from the allies after carefully eliminating from the contracts any clauses that provided penalties for failure to deliver. He was equally in the dark, he said, as to the charge that Captain Papen had informed his superiors that he had been successful in preventing the exportation to Great Britain of products used in the manufacture of war munitions.

Clausen admitted that he had promoted and organized the American Correspondent Film Company, but he denied that the company had been formed to send out films depicting Austro-German successes.

"This company," he said, "was formed as a straight out-and-out business proposition to make money. We are not devoting our activities exclusively to war scenes. We are making arrangements for several industrial films. I have two men working for me in South America now."

Realize Plan Would Fail.

"I do not believe German officials ever planned such a press propaganda campaign," said Clausen, "because I believe they realize it would fail. Why any newspaper should give its readers the idea that my bulletin information service is a propaganda is a mystery to me. I am an American. I was born in Forty-fifth street. All my bulletin contains is extracts from the German newspapers. I am putting it out at the request of about 500 papers, who have no one able to read German and are not in a position to receive complete files of the German newspapers. The American press and the public would suspect a German propaganda."

BALLOTS GAVE OUT; RESULT IS IN DOUBT

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 15.—A formal application for a recount of the vote for treasurer of Fairfax county has been filed in the circuit court of Fairfax county by Claude E. Wiley, who contests the election of Dr. F. W. Huddleston. The latter was declared the winner in the official canvass by a plurality of four over Wiley. No charge of fraud is alleged, but some irregularities which may affect the result are pointed out. Among other matters, it is said that the official ballots at the voting precinct of Langley gave out, and that some voters had to write their own ballots. While the law requires that the official ballots shall be stamped, if the supply of such ballots at any precinct should prove inadequate, it is an interesting question whether voters should be disfranchised on this account.

William L. Wade, foreman of the Armour Car Works, died at his home, 424 North Payne street, last night. He was fifty years old, and is survived by his wife.

Funeral services for Faith Taylor Duncan took place this afternoon from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. B. Duncan, 924 Queen street.

Funeral services for Miss Lizzie Price, who died at her home, 118 North Alfred street, Friday evening, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from her late residence.

The auditorium on the second floor of the Richmond Theater will in all probability be used as temporary quarters for the public schools pending the completion of the new high school building, which will be ready for occupancy in December. The auditorium will accommodate 200 pupils and can be temporarily divided into five rooms. The committee of the school trustees on school houses and furniture will make a report favoring these quarters to a special meeting of the trustees.

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Desk Sergeants Balk At Outdoor Equipment

An appeal will be made by the desk sergeants of the Police Department to Major Pullman to have him exclude them from the recent order requiring all members of the department to purchase a full equipment of uniforms, boots, caps and coats.

The desk sergeants will attempt to convince the superintendent of police that the order imposes an unnecessary hardship upon them. The men declare that their duties do not necessitate their having the heavy winter uniforms and other equipment, as their work is strictly desk work.

Friend of Morgan's Assailant Ends Life

UTICA, Aug. 15.—John T. Williams, who represented himself as a former instructor at Cornell University and a friend of Erich Muentzer, alias Holt,

who recently attempted to assassinate J. P. Morgan, killed himself with illuminating gas at his rooming house in this city yesterday.

It is believed he had a wife in Utica and a son, who is a student in a school of forestry somewhere in New England.

Colony Has Conscription.

SINGAPORE, Aug. 15.—The Straits Settlement is the first colony of the British empire to ordain compulsory military service. By a bill passed by the legislature, all men between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five are ordered for training.

Barrett Off to Fair.

John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, left Washington this afternoon for the San Francisco and San Diego expositions, where he will discuss Pan-American affairs with various individuals and associations of the Pacific coast.

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